

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENTS AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ma-Lin Chen)
Application No. 09/781,246) Group Art Unit: 3728
Filed: February 13, 2001) Examiner: Smith, James G.

For: RATCHET WRENCH

Attn: Office Of Petitions January 29, 2007
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137 (b)

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. We refer to the decision on petition, dated December 22, 2006 concerning the above-mentioned patent application.
2. We, hereby submit a renewed petition as requested in the above mentioned decision, to respond to the reasons for the delay for the periods given under (1) the delay in reply that originally resulted in the abandonment; and (2) the delay in filing an initial petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the application.
3. In the first instance under reason for (1), we bring to the examiner's attention that the applicant is native Taiwanese and is not familiar with the English dialect in its entirety. He filed the initial application without the assistance of a qualified patent attorney. When the applicant did not receive the Nonfinal Rejection of November 9, 2001, he was uninformed as how to check its status.
4. In regards to reason (2), the notice of abandonment was received by the applicant the following year but further delay to respond in accordance with the rules and regulations was caused by circumstance of a private matter in which the client was hospitalized with a serious condition that would take a long period of time for full recovery. It was after the recovery that the applicant approached me for assistance with prosecuting this case.

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Respectfully submitted,



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